

# Environmental Justice for Regional Boards What Do We Do?

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Ensure equal protection of health and environmental outcomes regardless of socioeconomic status, through policies free from discrimination and bias and provide an equal opportunity to participate in decision making in Water Board matters that may affect or concern an EJ community.

- How do we do this at the ground level?
  - Prioritize efforts with a “blind” eye.
  - Use OEHHA's tools for support.
  - Make EJ part of staff culture.
  - Focus on ***effective*** outreach.

- You can impact a community with what you do.
- Chollas Creek's clean up provided a community amphitheater, eg.



**Carrots**

- How do you do this as a member?
  - Lead
  - Direct your staff
  - But, you can't be forced to do anything, yet.

**Stick to Follow?**